

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013
5:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** Sept. 9, 2013 and Sept. 23, 2013
- 3. LICENSES AND PERMITS**
 - A. Vote to accept return of All Alcoholic Club License from Richard Ruether Post 152, American Legion.
- 4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Request for a truck ban from residents of Park Street and Syndicate Road
 - B. Request for 5K Road Race on October 27, 2013 (Adlyne Harris)
 - C. Appointment of Park Commissioner to the Community Preservation Committee
 - D. United Nations Day Proclamation
 - E. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$246,848.86
- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 6. PETITIONER REQUESTS**
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 8. VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7 pm.

Williamstown Board of Selectman's Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

5:00 pm

Present: Jane Allen, Chairman, Jane Patton, Thomas Sheldon, Ronald Turbin, David Rempell

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Kyle Johnson, Professor Pasachoff, Cathy Yamamoto, David Mangun, Adlyne Harris, Loretta Martin, Charlene Blood, Debra Turnbull

1. **Chairman's Opening Statements-** Chairman Allen opened the meeting at 5:00 pm. Chairman Allen announced that Halloween Trick or Treat hours in Williamstown will be on Oct 31st from 6:00pm-7:30 pm. She also advised that the Williamstown Fire District would be holding a special meeting at the Elementary School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. The Fire District, governed by the Prudential Committee, is a separate entity from the town government. They are seeking approval to purchase the Lehovet property on Main Street as a new site for the town fire house.
2. **Selectman's Minutes-** Mr. Turbin made the motion to accept the meeting minutes from the September 9, 2013 meeting. Mr. Sheldon recommended removing the duplication of the acceptance of the minutes and to retain the acceptance of the amended minutes. Mr. Sheldon motioned to accept the modified minutes. Mr. Rempell seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to accept the minutes of September 23, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Rempell. Jane Patton abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.
3. **Licenses and Permits-** Motion to accept the return of All Alcohol Club Licenses from Richard Ruether Post 152 due to relocation was moved by Mr. Sheldon. Seconded by Mr. Turbin. Motion carried 5-0-0.
4. **Items for Consideration**
 - A. Request for a truck ban on Park Street and Syndicate Road. Professor Pasachoff requested the board apply a truck ban for Syndicate Road and Park Street as requested by local residents due to safety concerns including a lack of sidewalks and blind curves. Chief Johnson conducted a six day study tracking truck traffic. It was determined that the majority of trucks were in the neighborhood conducting business and would be excluded from the ban. No speeding infractions were observed. Chief Johnson also expressed a concern regarding enforcement of the ban. In order for an infraction to be observed the vehicle would need to be seen entering Syndicate Road and exiting on to Route 2. A ban would also require an engineering study by the MADOT costing 5-7K. Many of the observed vehicles were owned by Williams College, DPW and Countryside Landscaping. Peter Fohlin volunteered to craft a letter to these organizations making them aware of citizen concerns and asking them to refrain from using these roads as a pass through from Route 7 to Route 2.
 - B. Request for a 5K Road Race on October 27, 2013 at 11:00am. The Spencer Neighborhood of Williams College requested to hold a colored cornstarch 5K race around the Gale Road Loop to promote health and wellness at Williams College. Adlyne Harris represented the Spencer Neighborhood and had consulted with Chief Johnson regarding the safest route. Chief Johnson will require two officers to monitor traffic safety on Water Street from Gale Road

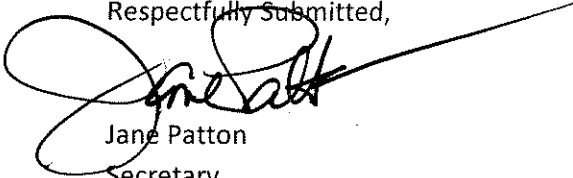
through the S curves. Jane Patton moved to accept the request. Mr. Sheldon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0. Chairman Allen requested that all signage be removed after the race and that the group continue to work with Chief Johnson to ensure all safety requirements are fulfilled.

- C. Appointment of Parks Commissioner to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Rempell nominated Ms. Allen. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sheldon. Motion passed 5-0-0.
 - D. United Nations Day Proclamation- The proclamation was read by Mr. Rempell. (Copy of proclamation attached.) The motion was moved by Mr. Rempell to accept the Williamstown declaration and to have Chairman Allen sign the declaration representing the BOS for Williamstown. It was seconded by Mr. Sheldon. Motion passed 5-0-0.
 - E. Warrant for Water and Sewer in the amount of \$246,848.86 - Mr. Rempell moved to approve the warrant. Seconded by Mr. Sheldon. Motion passed 5-0-0. Warrant document signed by all select board members.
5. **Town Manager's Report-** See attached and at www.williamstown.net Mr. Rempell asked for an update on the Shin flooding situation. At a meeting with the Conservation Commission, MassDOT committed to enlarging the culvert under Route 2. They will also remove a considerable piece of the Morgan Management pipe, opening up the area for water release reducing the flooding problem for the Shins and for The Spruces. The timeline for this is likely to occur next spring.

Loretta Martin, a resident of The Spruces, asked for an update on the town meetings and payments to the residents. Peter indicated that he is working on the final agreement between the Town, Morgan Management and AG's office for the revised purchase and sales document. Morgan Management is also working on a lease agreement with the Town. The town of Williamstown and Morgan Management are in agreement regarding the terms of the documents. The attorneys are still trying to finalize the details. Peter is hopeful that the Board of Selectmen will act on these two documents at their next meeting and sign the warrant for a Special Town Meeting on November 19th. If not, December 10th would be the next logical date for the meeting. We are advertising now for the hiring of the Relocation Advisory Agent (who needs to be approved by the Mass Dept. of Housing and Community Development). The Agent will determine amounts to be paid to residents. Charlene Blood inquired on future housing options. Higher Ground is working on a two to three year program to build on the property located near Proprietor's Field. Chairman Allen stated that the funding conversations have been very positive regarding the Higher Ground project. The Affordable Housing Committee is looking into development on 59 Water Street and at Photech. The committee has been conducting community meetings about the two sites and by late November they are hoping to have a RFP completed with a response by January. They are hoping to have a better understanding of interest for development in approximately four months. The Affordable Housing Trust is also researching private sites beyond those owned by the town. There are no guarantees to have housing ready before the park closes.

6. **Petitioner Requests-** None

7. **Other Business-** Chairman Allen read a letter to the Board of Selectmen from the Affordable Housing Committee requesting that the land usage for the Spruces, should the town vote to accept ownership, be as flexible as possible regarding the type of restrictions placed on the property. Mrs. Yamamoto indicated that the letter had been sent prior to learning that the town would not take ownership for another two years. The board acknowledged that this is a decision that will be made in the future and with the approval of FEMA.
8. **Vote to Adjourn-** Mr. Turbin moved to adjourn the meeting @ 6:25pm. Mr. Sheldon seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Patton
Secretary

Next Meeting is Monday, October 28, 2013 at 7:00pm.